

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

An attenuated influenza virus carrying a genomic nucleic acid segment which comprises 5' and 3' non-coding regions providing a mutated duplex region of an influenza virus RNA genomic segment operably-linked to a protein coding sequence for an influenza viral protein or a functional modification thereof, wherein the duplex region has at least one base-pair substitution such that expression of the protein-coding sequence in cells infected by the virus is reduced to give an attenuated phenotype. The attenuated influenza virus can be used in a vaccine.